

along the metal substrate, Schenk teaches only one elastomeric element, which element does not include both a bead and a ring. Therefore, Schenk fails to teach a second elastomeric element, such as an elastomeric ring as set forth in independent claim 1, an elastomer comprising a bead and a ring as set forth in independent claim 8, and a first elastomeric ring and a second elastomeric ring as set forth in independent claim 13. Thus, Schenk fails to teach at least one element in each of the independent claims, as well as other elements in the dependent claims, thus Schenk fails to teach the subject matter of claims 1-18. Hence, the applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 may be passed to allowance.

4. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication may advance the prosecution of the present application. Notice of allowance of claims 1-18 is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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